Aircraft fleet proposed to be inducted in Air India and Indian Airlines

218. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the vulner- ! ability of over-age aircraft meeting accident despite all precautions and check up systems Government have reviewed its plans for replacement and reinforcement of aircraft fleets of Air India and Indian Airlines;

(b) if so, what is the revised schedule for induction or replacement or reinforcement of aircrafts; and

(c) what are the salient features and types of aircrafts proposed to foe inducted for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL, AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) Aircraft can fly upto their prescribed life cycle, Ageing aircraft are also capable of flying if they have not completed their life cycle and are certified airworthy. However such aircraft demand intensive and frequent maintenance as compared to younger aircraft. Replacement of aircraft is basically meant to reduce the average age of the fleet so as to enhance passenger appeal and to procure aircra' which are fuel efficient and are low on maintenance.

Government have approved fleet renewal plans of both Air India and Indian Airlines defining the criteria for acquisition and disposal of aircraft for the period upto 2010. The approved plans envisage retirement of aircraft after 10 years in the case of Air India and 14-16 years in the case of Indian Airlines. The induction of new types of aircraft, as per the approved plans, will, however, be sub-iect to techno-economic evaluation and the type of aircraft to be inducted in future cannot be indicated, in precise terms at this stage.

(c) In the immediate future, Air India will acquire four Boeing 747-4 aircraft (3 in 1993 and one in 1994) and Indian Airlines will acquire 19 Airbus A-320 aircraft (5 each in 1993 and 1994) to cater to the requirements of fleet expansion and replacement.

Setting np industries in the North-East

@219A. SHRI G. G. SWELL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been favourable response to the Ave year tax holiday granted by the Finance Minister in his Budget for setting up industries in the North-east;

(b) if so, the number and the names of the industrialist who have come forward; and

(c) the kinds of industries they propose to set up and what would be their locations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (c) The five year tax holiday has been announced in the Budget Speech on 27.2.1993 and will be applicable after the Finance Bill receives the assent of the President. It is too early now to determine the response to the new provision.

ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में मकानों के निर्माण और और मरम्मत के लिए बैंक ऋण

270. श्री अजीत जोगी :
श्री छोटूभाई पटेल :

क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या राष्ट्रीय आवास बैंक, बम्बई ने ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में मकानों के

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